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SEATBELTS ENFORCMENT PROGRAM

"CLICK IT OR TICKET"

The Connecticut State Police Department is participating in the 29th Wave of the Click it ticket program in Connecticut. This enforcement campaign will begin on May 20th and run to June 5th. During this campaign the Connecticut State Police will be conducting spot-checks, specifically looking for those operators and passengers who are not wearing seat belts. This SAFETY campaign is designed to remind all motorists to properly protect their loved ones and themselves by using the cars safety restraints.

Connecticut State Law requires that all front seat passengers to be buckled up. The law also requires all children to be seat belted, or in an approved child safety seat. Children must always be seated and restrained in the back seat of the car.

During this campaign Connecticut State Troopers will be on the lookout for any unbelted occupants traveling on our roads. Troopers will be stationed on exit and entrance ramps to the highways and will concentrate their enforcement efforts to increase seatbelt use compliance.

The State Police are reaching out to all motorists and all passengers to remind everyone to buckle up. This is a safety issue for all motorists. The average seatbelt use in Connecticut is 83%. The State of Connecticut can do much better. Connecticut can surpass the national average simply with the voluntary cooperation of all motorists. Remember before you start your car, BUCKLE UP, IT'S THE LAW.

Public Safety Commissioner Leonard C. Boyle stated, "No one wants to face the holiday with the loss of a loved one." "We are anticipating that this increased awareness and enforcement can result in our State experiencing a fatality free Memorial Day Holiday weekend".

Failing to buckle up can result in a fine of \$37.00. A child not in the proper safety seat infant or child safety seat the driver can be fined \$75.00.

Seat belts can prevent injury, and save lives. Ejection from the vehicle is one of the most injurious events that can happen in a crash. Many of these people sustain serious and sometimes fatal injury which the use of seatbelts can help prevent.

All Motorists are reminded that courteous driving and safe driving can help in achieving increased highway safety.

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